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March 17, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

25 March 17, 2015


PATRICK O'QUINN
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority's annual budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 to continue the development and implementation of projects to facilitate the protection and enhancements of natural resources of the Santa Monica Bay and its watersheds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Approve the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to make a contribution for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and contributions for future fiscal years, in funds or in-kind services, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 annually, for administrative and operational expenses of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (SMBRA) is a Joint Powers Authority comprised of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (agreement) creating the SMBRA requires the SMBRA to adopt and submit an annual budget to the governing boards of the LACFCD and SMBRC for approval and prohibits the SMBRA from disbursing any funds except pursuant to a

budget that has been approved by the LACFCD and SMBRC. The purpose of the recommended action is to approve the SMBRA's Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Enclosure A). The Board's approval will allow the SMBRA to commence receipt and disbursement of funds in conformance with the adopted budget.

The purpose of the recommended actions is also to authorize a contribution to the SMBRA from the LACFCD for administrative and operational purposes and to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee, to make contributions to the SMBRA in future fiscal years, not to exceed \$25,000 annually, for administrative and operational expenses.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by maximizing the effectiveness of the LACFCD's operations with strong fiscal management and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by effectively planning and responding to the environmental challenges in the Santa Monica Bay.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Under the provisions of the agreement, the LACFCD may contribute up to \$25,000 per fiscal year for administrative and operational purposes of the SMBRA. Funding for this contribution is available in the LACFCD Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. The remaining items in the SMBRA Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget will be funded through grants and contracts from other agencies.

Funding for the \$25,000 annual contributions to the SMBRA in future fiscal years will be incorporated into the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 6, 2004, the Board approved the agreement to create the SMBRA. Creation of the SMBRA was authorized pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act under Government Code, Section 6500, et. seq.

The purpose of the SMBRA is to develop programs for the protection and enhancement of the natural resources of the Santa Monica Bay Watersheds and the Santa Monica Bay that are consistent with the goals and responsibilities of the SMBRC and the LACFCD.

The agreement requires the SMBRA to adopt an annual budget that must then be approved by the governing boards of both the SMBRC and the LACFCD. The SMBRA approved the budget on November 19, 2014, but may not disburse any funds pursuant to this budget until the budget has been approved by the Board and the governing board of the SMBRC. A copy of the SMBRA Resolution approving the budget is enclosed (Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget).

The SMBRA Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 was approved by the governing board of the SMBRC on December 18, 2014. A copy of the SMBRC Resolution approving the budget is enclosed (Resolution No. 14-10).

The agreement also provides for contributions of money or in-kind services from both the SMBRC

and the LACFCD to fund the administrative and operational expenses of the SMBRA, not to exceed \$25,000 annually.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The approval of the SMBRA's annual budget and the authorization to make the referenced contributions to the SMBRA are not projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA Guidelines. These proposed actions are fiscal activities that do not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The LACFCD will gain benefit from this action through the sustained operation of the SMBRA in developing projects beneficial to the health of the Santa Monica Bay. There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended actions.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Enclosure A

SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

Oct 1, 2014 - Sept 30, 2015

REVENUE:

GRANTS:

Clean Vessel Act Education Grant	\$116,370.83
US EPA Wetland Program Development Grant	\$90,000.00
Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project Grant	\$140,195.98
OTHER:	
County of Los Angeles	\$16,335.00

TOTAL REVENUE: \$362,901.81

EXPENDITURES:**Clean Vessel Act Education Grant (CA Department of State Parks)****Statewide Clean Boating Education Program**

Task 1. Education and Outreach Program Management	\$16,875.00
Task 2. Pumpout Station Monitoring	\$6,041.67
Task 3. Honey Pot Day Unlimited - Mobile Pumpout Outreach	\$5,833.33
Task 4. Pilot Harbor Staff Presentations	\$0.00
Task 5. Boating Events	\$33,958.33
Task 6. California Clean Boating Network/Newsletter	\$11,208.33
Task 7. Outreach Materials	\$31,875.00

Overhead \$10,579.17

Total Statewide Clean Boating Education Program \$116,370.83

US EPA Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) Program

Salaries and Benefits:	\$55,400.00
Contractual	\$30,000.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$3,100.00
Other	\$0.00
Overhead	\$0.00

Total WPDG Program \$90,000.00

Malibu Lagoon Restoration and Enhancement Project Grant (CA State Parks)

1 Project Management	\$22,648.11
2 Download and clean data, maintain database	\$7,763.66
3 Field surveys	\$24,132.34
4 Chemistry lab analyses	\$20,571.43
5 Benthic macroinvertebrate lab analyses	\$26,331.43
6 Avian monitoring (Cooper Ecological Monitoring Inc.)	\$9,642.86
7 Fish Surveys (none)	\$0.00
8 Annual reporting	\$5,357.14
9 Data probe maintenance	\$6,428.57
10 Data probe replacement	\$3,214.29
11 Mileage	\$1,210.71
12 Equipment and supplies	\$3,750.00
13 Volunteer Management	\$9,145.44

Total Malibu Lagoon Post-Restoration Program \$140,195.98

TOTAL GRANTS BUDGETS \$346,566.81

ANNUAL AUDIT	\$14,850.00
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER FEE - 10%	\$1,485.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$362,901.81



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SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) was created by a joint exercise of powers agreement between the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) and operates as a local public agency within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed and the jurisdictional boundaries of the SMBRC and the District with the purpose of broadening funding opportunities for projects within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Governing Board met at a regularly-scheduled meeting, a quorum having been established, to review the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the budget, with staff responding to Governing Board member questions to the Governing Board's satisfaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board hereby:

1. Approves the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget;
2. Requests that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Governing Board both approve the same budget at a regularly-scheduled meeting in the near future.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority on October 1, 2014.

By: John Sibert, Chair

Date

November 19, 2014



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SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION December 18, 2014

Resolution No. 14-10

Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) was created by a joint exercise of powers agreement between the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) and operates as a local public agency within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed and the jurisdictional boundaries of the SMBRC and the District with the purpose of broadening funding opportunities for projects within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the joint exercise of powers agreement requires the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC) to review and approve the Authority's annual budget; and

WHEREAS the SMBRC Governing Board met at a regularly-scheduled meeting, a quorum having been established, to review the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the budget, with staff responding to Governing Board member questions to the Governing Board's satisfaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SMBRC Governing Board hereby:

1. Approves the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget of the Authority;
2. Requests that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approve the same budget at a regularly-scheduled meeting in the near future.

The foregoing resolution was passed by the SMBRC on December 18, 2014.

BY:

Micheál O'Leary
Chair, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

